

introduced another new policy directed at the need for reform in an effort to recognize that all sectors of education are vitally linked and that improvement in one sector requires a reciprocal effort in all other sectors. Dr. Portch implemented a new admissions policy, raising the bar for admissions in all 34 public institutions in Georgia. The work of Chancellor Portch has helped elevate the average SAT score in Georgia public institutions, increase member school salaries by over 35 percent, and has raised overall quality of education throughout the state.

Henry Brooks Adams once said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Although Dr. Portch is stepping down as Chancellor of the University System, I assure you that we will continue to feel his presence and benefit from his service well into the future.●

MR. GEORGE C. SPRINGER: PRESIDENT, CONNECTICUT STATE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today with great pride to honor my friend and a friend of working families, Mr. George C. Springer, who is retiring as president of the Connecticut State Federation of Teachers. For more than 20 years, George fought valiantly to ensure that our educators had the tools and resources necessary to provide the best possible education to our most prized possession, our children.

Widely known for his leadership, George united teachers and administrators in seeking ways to improve our schools. His innovative style led to compromise and understanding and opened a dialogue that generated ideas aimed at helping our children. During his tenure, Connecticut's public schools have attained a reputation of excellence that continues today.

George's calm, well thought out ways of handling the issues facing our teachers and schools is testament of his visionary leadership style. Further, his abilities in bringing people together to work for an important goal serve as a model for labor union leadership across our nation.

On behalf of the people of Connecticut, I thank George for his leadership in making Connecticut's schools better places to teach and learn and for making our community a better place for everyone.●

RECOGNITION OF THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF JOHN C. TITCHNER

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself and Senator LEAHY to honor John C. Titchner, Vermont's State Resource Conservationist, who is retiring after thirty-six years with the United States Department of Agriculture.

John Titchner's career is among the most distinguished in the history of

the Soil Conservation Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, NRCS. He began his work with the USDA in 1965, and has served as Vermont State Conservationist since 1981. At the time of his retirement, he was the longest serving among all active State Conservationists.

John has guided the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Vermont through many changes in agricultural policy and administration. Under his direction, the NRCS has handled an ever increasing number of programs and special projects to support farmers and conserve our natural resources. The lakes and streams of Vermont are clearer and cleaner today as a result of his work.

For many years, Senator LEAHY and I have each looked to John as an advisor on agriculture and conservation. In this role, he has had a significant impact on national agricultural policy.

John has assumed many leadership roles in his profession and in his community. These include serving as a member of the Lake Champlain Steering Committee, Chairman of the Vermont Food and Agricultural Council, and President of the Vermont Federal Executives Association.

John C. Titchner's career stands as an outstanding example for all who choose to serve their community and their country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building."

H.R. 2043. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution commending the American Football Coaches Association for its dedication and efforts to protect children and locate the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

H. Con. Res. 149. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present posthumously a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Charles M. Schulz.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 801(b) of Public Law 100-696, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina and Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 801 of Public Law

100-696, Mr. EHLERS of Michigan, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to be his designee on the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. MICA of Florida.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 157. Resolution stating that the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable John Joseph Moakley, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2043. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 6. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular and minimum tax liability.

H.R. 10. An act to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

H.R. 586. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 622. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2146. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2147. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2148. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000